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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our Father, You promised that those who passionately seek You will find You. Deliver us from distractions that hinder our pursuit of You, as You enable us to experience Your presence today.

Lord, guard the hearts and minds of our Senators with Your peace, guiding them with Your power. Draw them into intimacy with You, helping them to remember that nothing can separate them from Your love. Rescue them from misplaced priorities that major in minors and minor in majors. Bring their thoughts and actions into captivity to Your will.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 14, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 3474. At 11:15 a.m. there will be up to five rollcall votes in relation to several nominations. Following those votes the time until 5:15 p.m. will be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. At 5:15 p.m. there will be another series of rollcall votes on confirmation of three district judges and on adoption of the motion to proceed to the tax extenders legislative vehicle.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning marks 321 days since this body passed commonsense immigration reform. For 321 days the Republican-controlled House of Representatives has done absolutely nothing to address our Nation's problems dealing with our broken immigration system. It is a system that is broken and needs to be fixed. It cannot be fixed on a piecemeal basis. It needs comprehensive immigration reform.

To the Republican extremists in the House, the time went by like that. To them, 321 days does not seem like a big deal. But outside of the Capitol, where we are dealing with people's lives, those 321 days felt like a lifetime. To American families forced to live in the shadows, each one of those days brings the dread of discovery and being torn away from their loved ones. Undocumented immigrants have lived in fear for the last 46 weeks, worrying whether they will have to leave the country they call home. For the past 10½ months children have lost their parents from government action—all while House Republicans have twiddled their thumbs.

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